

APPROVED Minutes of November 15, 2012, Human Services Commission

General

A regular meeting of the Human Services Commission was called to order by Chair Pam Grassmick on November 15, 2012, at 2.00 p.m. at Beaver Island Community School.

Members Present - Pam Grassmick, Alice Belfy, Adam Richards, Ann Partridge, Bob Tidmore, Kathy Tidmore, Judi Meister.

Correspondence

AmVet's member Bob Tidmore submitted a letter of resignation to Chair Grassmick. The AmVet's seat will remain open in the event someone from the group wants to join.

At large member to the Charlevoix-Emmet Coordinating Body Mary Cook resigned via a phone conversation with Grassmick due to increased work responsibilities. Cook was a valuable member of the Commission and will be missed. Township boards will be notified and position posted.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Bob Tidmore, supported by Belfy, to approve the minutes of the September 2012, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Round Table

Introduction of Jean Kinsley, Commission on Aging representative to the Human Services Commission, was postponed, due to a family illness.

Partridge reported on the implementation of a new nutrition pyramid for seniors; a new Arthritic Foundation supported exercise program; and increased choices in the Dining Out program. It is expected that Dalwhinnie, the Shamrock, and Stoney Acre Grill will all have program participation approval.

Meister reported that the Food Pantry will be distributing turkeys with all the trimmings to 13 island families. An afghan, made and donated by Anna Mae Maxwell, will be raffled a fundraiser for the pantry. Food distributions will be increased to bimonthly beginning in either December or January due to increased need at this time of year. A grant application to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation will be submitted for funding of Easter dinner baskets.

Review of 2012 Health and Human Services Fair and Recommendations

Richards reported participation by 25 vendors, with approximately 75 surveys returned. It was estimated that approximately 125 to 150 individuals (including students) attended the fair.

Grassmick would like to pursue securing the following for future fairs: hearing testing; dermatology consultation; and an immunization clinic.

Partridge felt the space utilized (too large, too bare) detracted the flow of excitable energy.

Belfy suggested reducing the length by an hour, from six hours to five hours.

Medicare and Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP)

Grassmick reported that the Traverse City Agency on Aging provides screening and assistance to seniors in a ten county area for eligibility to various federal and state programs. Information was distributed to Ann Partridge for the Community Center and Theresa McDonough for Senior Housing.

Board Positions and Meetings Schedule

Moved by Partridge, supported by Belfy, to continue meeting the third Thursday of the month at 2:00 p.m. at Beaver Island Community School except for the months of December, July, and August. Motion carried. Election of HSC officer positions will take place at the January meeting.

Other Business

Moved by Kathy Tidmore, supported by Partridge, to request financial support in the line of airfare for continued attendance to Charlevoix-Emmet Coordinating Body meetings. Motion carried.

Bob Tidmore reported that Veteran Coordinator John Hess of Charlevoix and Senator Levin are proponents in securing local medical services for veterans.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Alice Belfy, Recording Secretary